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SUBJECT: NEW BRAZILIAN PASSPORTS

1. EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 9, 1976, THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT COMMENCED ISSUANCE OF A NEW SET OF PASSPORTS WHICH DIFFER SIGNIFICANTLY FROM PREVIOUS EDITIONS.

2. SIZE HAS BEEN REDUCED FROM 6 BY 4 1/4 INCHES TO 5 1/2 BY 3 1/2 INCHES. HARD COVERS HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY COVERS OF PLASTIC SIMULATED LEATHER. AS BEFORE, COVERS ARE INSCRIBED NEAR THE TOP IN GOLD LETTERS,"REPUBLICA FEDERATIVE DO BRASIL", AND AT THE BOTTOM EITHER "PASSAPORTE" (REGULAR), "PASSAPORTE DE SERVICO" (OFFICIAL) OR "PASSAPORTE DIPLOMATICO" (DIPLOMATIC). GOLD LETTERED FRENCH TRANSLATIONS OF THE LATTER TERMS NO LONGER APPEAR. THE SEAL OF THE REPUBLIC (WHICH CAN BE APPROXIMATELY DESCRIBED AS A WREATHER FIVE-POINTED STAR UPON A SUNBURST, WITH MOTTO LINES BENEATH), APPEARS INSCRIBED IN GOLD IN THE CENTER OF THE COVER, AND;
FOR THE FIRST TIME, AS A WATERMARK CENTERED ON EACH INSIDE PAGE. PASSPORT COVERS RETAIN THE TRADITIONAL COLORS: DARK GREEN FOR REGULAR; DARK BLUE FOR OFFICIAL; RED FOR DIPLOMATIC.
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3. THE NEW PASSPORTS CONSIST OF 32 PAGES. THE SERIAL NUMBER IS PERFORATED ALONG THE TOP MARGINS OF THE FRONT COVER AND FIRST SIXTEEN PAGES, AND IS ALSO PRINTED ON PAGE 1, (IN OLD PASSPORTS, THE SERIAL APPEARS ONLY ON THE FIRST PAGE, STAMPED IN INK.) NEW SERIAL NUMBERS WILL CONSIST OF TWO LETTERS AND SIX DIGITS: THE FIRST LETTER CATEGORIZES THE PASSPORT: C FOR REGULAR; S FOR OFFICIAL: D FOR DIPLOMATIC. THE SECOND LETTER AND THE DIGITS IDENTIFY THE INDIVIDUAL DOCUMENT: AN A-SERIES WILL BE PUBLISHED UNTIL NUMBERS ARE EXHAUSTED, WHEREUPON A B-SERIES WILL RECOMMENCE THE NUMBERING, AND SO ON THROUGH THE ALPHABET.

4. PAGE FORMAT HAS BEEN COMPLETELY ALTERED. EARLIER PASSPORTS WERE PUBLISHED WITH THE PRINTED MATTER IN PORTUGUESE AND FRENCH; ENGLISH TRANSLATION HAS NOW BEEN ADDED. PAGE 1 OF THE NEW PASSPORTS IS A TITLE PAGE AND INCLUDES SPACE FOR THE BEARER'S SIGNATURE. PAGE 2 CONTAINS THE ISSUANCE DATE, INITIAL EXPIRATION DATE, AND DESCRIPTIVE

DATA. THE LATTER NO LONGER INCLUDE THE DOMICILE, PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS, OR MARITAL STATUS OF THE BEARER. PAGE 3 CONTAINS THE BEARER'S PHOTOGRAPH, AND THE SIGNATURE AND STAMP OF THE ISSUING AUTHORITY. SPACE IS NO LONGER PROVIDED FOR INCLUSION OF SPOUSE. AFTER APPLICATION OF THE PHOTO, PAGES 2 AND 3 ARE LAMINATED IN PLASTIC, WHICH, IN TURN, IS STAMPED WITH AN IMPRESSION SEAL ON PAGE 3, PARTIALLY OVERLAPPING THE PHOTOGRAPH.

5. SPACE FOR INCLUDED CHILDREN AND (IN OFFICIAL AND DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS) FOR THE BEARER'S FUNCTION AND OFFICIAL MISSION, IS PROVIDED ON PAGE 4. THE GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE OF THE PASSPORT (NORMALLY VALID FOR ALL COUNTRIES WITH WHICH BRAZIL MAINTAINS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS), AND ANY SPECIAL HEALTH CONDITIONS AFFECTING THE BEARER, ARE ENTERED ON PAGE 5. PAGE 6 IS RESERVED FOR OFFICIAL OBSERVATIONS. THE VISA PAGES FOLLOW. PAGE 32 PROVIDES SPACE FOR THE BEARER'S ADDRESS AND A NOTIFICATION ADRESS IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.

6. REGULAR PASSPORTS WILL BE ISSUED, AS BEFORE WITH AN INITIAL VALIDITY OF TWO YEARS, EXTENDABLE IN TWO-YEAR INCREMENTS TO A MAXIMUM LIFE OF SIX YEARS. OFFICIAL AND DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS WILL BE ISSUED WITH INITIAL VALIDITIES OF UP TO TWO AND FOUR YEARS, RESPECTIVELY, ALTHOUTH SHORTER PERIODS MAY BE SPECIFIED, PARTICULARLY UNCLASSIFIED

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IN THE CASE OF OFFICIAL PASSPORTS. BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE YET TO DEFINE THE TERMS FOR EXTENSION OF THE NEW DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORTS BEYOND INITIAL VAILIDITIES.

7. OLD TYPE PASSPORTS WILL REMAIN VALID UNTIL THEIR CURRENT EXPIRATION DATES, WITHOUT POSSIBILITY OF EXTENSION. THE TRANSITION TO NEW PASSPORTS SHOULD THEREFORE BE COMPLETED BY FEBRUARY 1978, IN THE CASE OF REGULAR AND OFFICIAL PASSPORTS, AND BY FEBRUARY 1980 IN

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THE CASE OF DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS.

8. THE EMBASSY IS NOW SEEKING TO OBTAIN SAMPLES OF THE NEW TRAVEL DOCUMENTS FOR FORWARDING TO THE DEPARTMENT (VO).
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